

Summary of Legislation Introduced Regarding PACT (as of May 7, 2009)

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary
SB 581	Roger Bedford and Jimmy Holley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monies will be provided to PACT from the Legislature for the life of the program, as needed, to meet the obligations of PACT. • Teachers Retirement System (“TRS”) Board will administer and manage PACT. • Tuition and fees are maintained at current levels until academic year 2012, and thereafter, at a rate determined by TRS based upon investment performance. • Alabama public colleges and universities are expected to accept the reduced payment of tuition and fees for PACT students as full payment; otherwise, their appropriation by the Legislature may be affected. • PACT is closed indefinitely. • Effective immediately upon passage. • Status: Awaits final passage in Senate before travelling to the House
HB 747	Craig Ford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate \$150 million over 5 years from Alabama Trust Fund to PACT to fund contracts entered into on or before December 31, 1995 only. • Appropriate \$37.5 million over 5 years from Alabama Trust Fund to County/City Govt Capital Improvement Trust Fund. • PACT to repay monies within 5 years. • Status: Passed the House, travels to the Senate (Note: requires amendment to the Constitution of Alabama)
HB 748	Craig Ford + 51 others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redirect monies transferred from Unclaimed Property Reserve Fund to General Fund to be transferred to PACT for five years. (Note: this would amount to approximately \$10 million/year)
SB 541	Larry Dixon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a PACT Rainy Day Account within the Alabama Trust Fund. • No amount specified. • PACT to repay with any remaining funds after dissolution. • Status: Awaits second reading in Senate (Note: requires amendment to the Constitution of Alabama)
HB 848	Craig Ford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires 2-year and 4-year Alabama higher education institutions to charge PACT a maximum of Spring 2009 term tuition and fees for PACT students. • Allows legislature to reduce appropriation of any institution that does not charge the Spring 2009 tuition

		<p>and fees; and allows for punitive amounts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status: Awaits second reading in Senate
SB 601	Scott Beason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates PACT Stabilization Fund. • Requires colleges and universities to increase nonresident tuition from twice as much as resident tuition to three times as much, and deposit excess in PACT Stabilization Fund. • Repeals the 50 mile exception that extends resident tuition rates to students who live within 50 miles of a campus. • PACT assets are invested in a product that provides a fixed rate of return over a 20-year period. • Caps the amount of tuition that PACT pays to colleges and universities. • PACT is closed indefinitely. • Status: Awaits second reading in Senate.
HJR463 (Joint Resolution)	Craig Ford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates committee of legislators to study the financial issues of PACT, and report its findings and recommendations. • Study to be final on the 28th legislative day. • Status: Passed the House, awaiting Senate approval.
SJR135 (Joint Resolution)	Del Marsh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates committee to conduct thorough study of PACT • Report findings to the Legislature at the 2010 Regular Session • Treasury provides technical and clerical assistance • Status: Pending Senate committee action